

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 36 without prejudice, and amend claims 23, 26, 29, 33-37 and 39.

1-22. (Canceled).

23. (Currently Amended) A bubble generating assembly comprising:
a housing having a front opening, with a stationary element positioned adjacent the front opening;

a trigger mechanism having an electrical contact that removably couples the motor to actuate the motor, and a resilient member that normally biases the electrical contact away from the motor;

a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the front opening;

means for delivering bubble solution to the ring; and

a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in which actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the ring to be moved against the stationary element.

24. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 23, further including:

a motor operatively coupled to the trigger mechanism;

an air generator coupled to the motor and directing air towards the ring; and

a gear system coupled to the motor and applying pressure to the tubing to cause bubble solution to be delivered from the container to the ring.

25. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the delivering means includes:

a container coupled to the housing and retaining bubble solution, the container having an interior; and

a tubing that couples the interior of the container with the ring.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The assembly of claim 25,]]~~ A bubble generating assembly comprising:

a housing having a front opening, with a stationary element positioned adjacent the front opening;

a trigger mechanism;

a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the front opening;
a container coupled to the housing and retaining bubble solution, the container
having an interior;
a tubing that couples the interior of the container with the ring; and
a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in
which [[wherein]] actuation of the trigger mechanism simultaneously causes (i) the air
generator to direct air towards the ring, (ii) the gear system to deliver bubble solution from
the container to the ring, and (iii) the ring to move against the stationary element.

27. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 23, wherein release of the
trigger will cause the ring to move away from the stationary element.

28. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 23, wherein actuation of the
trigger mechanism simultaneously causes (i) the delivering means to deliver bubble
solution to the ring, and (ii) the ring to move against the stationary element.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The assembly of claim 25, wherein the delivering~~
~~means further includes]]~~ A bubble generating assembly comprising:
a housing having a front opening, with a stationary element positioned adjacent the
front opening;
a trigger mechanism;
a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the front opening;
means for delivering bubble solution to the ring; and
a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in
which actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the ring to be moved against the
stationary element
wherein the delivering means includes:
a container coupled to the housing and retaining bubble solution, the container
having an interior;
a tubing that couples the interior of the container with the ring;
the trigger mechanism,
at least one rotating pressure roller; and
a guide wall,
the pressure roller having a base section and an upper section that has a smaller

diameter than the base section, with the tubing positioned between the upper section of the pressure roller and the guide wall when the trigger mechanism is not actuated, and with the tubing positioned between the base section of the pressure roller and the guide wall when the trigger mechanism is actuated.

30. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 29, wherein actuation of the trigger mechanism pushes the pressure roller towards the guide wall such that the tubing is moved from the upper section to the base section of the pressure roller.

31. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 23, further including a bubble solution container which is removably coupled to the housing.

32. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the ring is positioned inside the housing.

33. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The assembly of claim 24,]]~~ A bubble generating assembly comprising:

a housing having a front opening, with a stationary element positioned adjacent the front opening;

a trigger mechanism;

a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the front opening;

means for delivering bubble solution to the ring;

a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in which actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the ring to be moved against the stationary element;

a motor operatively coupled to the trigger mechanism;

an air generator coupled to the motor and directing air towards the ring, wherein the air generator includes a fan, and a wind tunnel that extends from the fan to adjacent the front opening;

a gear system coupled to the motor and applying pressure to the tubing to cause bubble solution to be delivered from the container to the ring.

34. (Currently Amended) [~~The assembly of claim 31, further including~~] A bubble generating assembly comprising:

a housing having a front opening, with a stationary element positioned adjacent the front opening;

a trigger mechanism;

a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the front opening;

means for delivering bubble solution to the ring;

a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in which actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the ring to be moved against the stationary element;

a bubble solution container which is removably coupled to the housing; and

a collection funnel positioned below the ring, with the container being removably coupled to the collection funnel so that droplets received on the collection funnel can flow into the container.

35. (Currently Amended) [~~The assembly of claim 23,]~~ A bubble generating assembly comprising:

a housing having a front opening, with a stationary element positioned adjacent the front opening;

a trigger mechanism;

a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the front opening, wherein the ring has an interior chamber and an opening communicating with the interior chamber and through which the tubing extends, and a plurality of outlets on the front surface through which bubble solution can flow out;

means for delivering bubble solution to the ring; and

a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in which actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the ring to be moved against the stationary element.

36. (Canceled).

37. (Currently Amended) [~~The assembly of claim 23;~~] A bubble generating assembly comprising:

a housing having a front opening, with a stationary element positioned adjacent the front opening;

a trigger mechanism;

a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the front opening;

means for delivering bubble solution to the ring; and

a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in which actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the ring to be moved against the stationary element, wherein the link assembly includes:

a link element connected to the trigger mechanism;

a guide bar positioned on the link element, the guide bar having a guide surface;

a pivot bar pivotably coupled to the housing, the pivot bar have a front end that is attached to the ring, and a guide leg that slidably engages the guide surface;

a resilient member coupled to the pivot bar and normally biasing the pivot bar to pivot in a first direction; and

wherein actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the guide leg to slide along the guide surface to overcome the bias of the resilient member, so that the pivot bar pivots in a second direction.

38. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the ring experiences a curved movement as the ring moves against the stationary element.

39. (Currently Amended) [~~The assembly of claim 23, further including~~] A bubble generating assembly comprising:

a housing having a front opening, with a stationary element positioned adjacent the front opening;

a trigger mechanism;

a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the front opening;

means for delivering bubble solution to the ring;

a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in which actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the ring to be moved against the stationary element; and

an air control system that has a cover element which is adjusted to cover selected portions of the air generator to vary the amount of air provided to the air generator.

40. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the ring experiences a semi-circular movement as the ring moves against the stationary element.

41. (Canceled).

42. (Previously Presented) A bubble generating assembly comprising:
a housing having a front opening, with a wiping bar secured to a portion of the front opening;
a trigger mechanism;
a bubble generating ring positioned adjacent the front opening; and
a link assembly that couples the trigger mechanism and the ring in a manner in which actuation of the trigger mechanism causes the ring to be moved in a curved manner from a first position to a second position across the wiping bar.